## Ways to Celebrate Federal Libraries and the LC Bicentennial

- 1. In-house displays/exhibits/handouts/demonstrations:
  - Posters (FLICC's LC Bicentennial poster, LC poster, design your own poster)
  - Bookmarks (FLICC's LC Bicentennial bookmarks, design your own bookmarks)
  - Bulletin board displays, e.g., displays featuring chronology of federal libraries to include insertion of your library's important dates, historical overview in photographs of your library and/or environs, tidbits from folks on what the library means to them, etc.
  - Handouts
    - Written history of your library
    - Fact sheet on what the library offers; what the library does for you
    - Bibliography of books and magazine articles that relate to cultural traditions in your area
    - Technology time line noting various automation firsts within the library
  - Exhibits of artifacts
    - Of local community interest; of agency interests,
    - Special collectables that celebrate our multi-faceted cultural/historical interests and diversity
    - Scrapbook of historical library events
    - Books written using the library as a resource
  - Demonstrations featuring role of technology in the library (e.g., demos of electronic reference, online cataloging, the OPAC, web page development maintenance, etc.
- 2. Host a library open house.
- 3. Sponsor an essay/poetry contest on "What my library means to me," or "How my library changed my world." Invite organizations to sponsor a prize.
- 4. Create radio/TV spots announcing LC celebrations within the library.
- 5. Have library homepage feature federal library chronology to include your own library's important dates.

- 6. Offer LC Bicentennial icon on WAN or CAN homepage hot linking to library's homepage.
- 7. Distribute written articles for local newspaper celebrating your library's contribution to the community to include value added services, documented impact on research, etc.
- 8. Plan special programs (evening/afternoon/weekend programs):
  - Highlighting your library's knowledge resources, e.g., personal finances, arts and crafts, health, historical memoirs, music (recital from local musician), etc.
  - Documenting local legacies/local heritage through guest speakers
  - Inviting living legends to briefly discuss their careers and how library collections enhance their fields of endeavor
  - Inviting impassioned people to read favorite poems, memoirs, letters (captured on audio/video if possible as a future resource that others can enjoy)
  - Inviting former heads of agencies to speak.
- 9. Sponsor a library appreciation day.
- 10. Interview and tape folks who can provide an oral history of library and agency/community.